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Title:

**VIRTUAL POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM** 

### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2001, attached please find the following items:

- A clean version of replacement paragraphs for pages 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12 and 19 of the specification, new claims 9-18, and a copy of the Abstract;
  - 2. Appropriate remarks; and
  - A marked version of the amendments to show the changes. 3.

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